

House of Representatives, April 7, 1998. The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR, 99th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROSECUTION OF CERTAIN CREDIT CARD AND AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE FRAUD OFFENSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 54-1d of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 (a) [Defendants] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN
5 SUBSECTION (b) OF THIS SECTION, DEFENDANTS in
6 criminal actions shall be brought either to the
7 court in the geographical area established
8 pursuant to section 51-348, AS AMENDED, in which
9 the crime was alleged to have been committed, or,
10 if the arrest was by warrant, to the court in the
11 geographical area in which the arrest was made,
12 for arraignment. If the defendant was brought to
13 the court in the geographical area in which the
14 arrest was made for arraignment and was not
15 released from custody after such arraignment, the
16 defendant shall be presented to the court in the
17 geographical area in which the crime was alleged
18 to have been committed not later than the second
19 court day following such arraignment. A criminal
20 cause shall not fail on the ground that it has
21 been submitted to a session of improper venue.

22 (b) ANY DEFENDANT WHO IS CHARGED WITH
23 MULTIPLE OFFENSES UNDER ANY PROVISION OF SECTION
24 53a-127b OR SECTIONS 53a-128a TO 53a-128i,
25 INCLUSIVE, WHERE SUCH OFFENSES WERE ALLEGED TO
26 HAVE BEEN COMMITTED IN MORE THAN ONE GEOGRAPHICAL
27 AREA ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION 51-348, AS
28 AMENDED, MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE COURT IN ANY ONE
29 OF SUCH GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. THE COURT MAY
30 CONSOLIDATE ALL SUCH OFFENSES INTO A SINGLE
31 CRIMINAL ACTION AND SHALL HAVE JURISDICTION OVER
32 SUCH ACTION.

33 BA COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 18 NAY 0 JF C/R JUD
34 JUD COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 39 NAY 0 JF

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER HB 5279

STATE IMPACT	None
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Judicial Department

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5279

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SUMMARY: If an individual commits multiple credit card or automated teller machine (ATM) crimes in more than one geographical area of the state, this bill allows consolidation of these offenses into a single criminal prosecution in a court in only one of the geographical areas, instead of requiring separate cases in each of the areas. The state is divided into 12 Superior Court judicial districts, which in turn are divided into geographical areas. There are a total of 22 geographical area courts that hear criminal arraignments and less serious criminal cases, among other matters.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

COMMITTEE ACTION

Banks Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 18 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 39 Nay 0